The Hilary Jolly Memorial Scholarship was established in 1978 under the provisions of the will of the late Dr Violet Hilary Jolly (MSc, PhD).

1. Purpose

1.1 The Hilary Jolly Memorial Scholarship provides funding to assist University of Waikato students furthering their research in the field of Freshwater Ecology pertaining to New Zealand.

1. Eligibility

1.1 To be eligible, candidates must:

1.1.1 be enrolled or enrolling full time in a Master of Science, Master of Environmental Science or a doctoral degree at the University of Waikato; and

1.1.2 be undertaking research in the field of freshwater ecology in New Zealand.

2.2 The Scholarship is open to New Zealand Citizens, Permanent Residents and international students.

2. Value

2.1 The value of the Scholarship will be:

2.1.1 up to $6,000 at master’s level with a tenure of 1 year; or,

2.1.2 up to $15,000 per annum at doctoral level with a tenure that will not exceed 3 years of full time doctoral enrolment.

2.2 For doctoral scholars a thesis preparation allowance of up to $500 will be available, provided the thesis is submitted within four years of first enrolment in the degree.

3. Application

3.1 The closing date for applications is 29 April.

3.2 Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:

a) a brief outline (300-400 words) of their proposed research topic;

b) a personal statement (using the template) provided that provides:
   • details of any promotion or past research activities, such as seminars or conference presentations;
   • any publications (if applicable);
   • Future study/career plans
   • a summary of any past or present work/employment history other than casual or part-time positions; and
   • a summary of any special circumstance considered relevant to the application; and,

c) A brief CV (no more than four A4 pages)

d) two academic references.
4. **Selection Criteria**

4.1. The Scholarship will be offered on the basis of academic merit and the relevance and importance of the applicants proposed study to the field.

4.2. Applicants will also be judged on their research ability and preference will be given to applicants commencing their research.

5. **Selection Panel**

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Head of the School of Science (in the chair), the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Lakes Chair, an academic staff member (nominated by the Chair) with experience in Freshwater Ecology, and the Faculty of Science and Engineering's representative on the Scholarships Committee or their nominees.

5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

5.3. The Selection Panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

7. **Awarding**

7.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If any candidate declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the offer shall lapse.

7.2. Masters students must be enrolled as per the requirements of the approved programme of study in the year of tenure.

7.2.1. Masters Scholarships will be paid in two equal instalments, the first upon confirmed enrolment in an approved programme of study, and the second half way through the tenure of the scholarship conditional on satisfactory academic performance.

7.3. Doctoral Scholarship holders must be approved for enrolment in their doctoral degree within six months of accepting the offer of the Scholarship.

7.3.1. Doctoral Scholarships will be paid in monthly instalments, conditional on satisfactory academic performance.

7.4. An application for an extension to the tenure of a doctoral Scholarship may be made to the Selection Panel, but, if successful, will not exceed one year.

7.5. Termination of, or withdrawal from, a masters or doctoral programme for which a Scholarship has been awarded, shall constitute termination of the Scholarship awarded for that masters or doctoral programme.

7.6. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time and recoup any funds awarded, if it is not satisfied that the recipient is following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Research Committee against any decision to terminate an award.
8. Other Conditions

8.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any bursary, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this. Furthermore, it is envisaged that recipients may qualify for additional targeted funding via the University or externally. Applicants should advise the Scholarships Office of any additional awards/funding they receive during the tenure of the Scholarship.

8.2. In signing and returning the acceptance form, the candidate will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted conditions for the Award.

8.3. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.